



Coronavirus Resources: Tribal Nations

Sen. Merkley, using his leadership position on the Senate Appropriations Committee, fought hard to make sure the \$2.2 trillion coronavirus relief funding stabilizes families, workers, small businesses, housing, education, agriculture, and health care. As these resources are distributed, Sen. Merkley's office will keep Oregonians up to date on what in the bill helps individuals and communities, and how to access the resources. He will continue to fight to make sure much-needed aid gets to the people who need it most.

Coronavirus relief to help tribal nations:

As tribal nations work to contain the spread of coronavirus and help their schools, economies and communities, the bill provides significant resources to support those efforts, while respecting tribal sovereignty and self-determination:

- \$8 billion to support tribal governments' efforts to combat coronavirus. This is part of a \$150 billion package for state and local governments, as well as tribal nations, and will be distributed within 30 days of the bill being signed into law.
- \$1.03 billion to the Indian Health Service to support tribal health care system response efforts.
- \$100 million more for the USDA Food Distribution Program for Indian Reservations, to guarantee that participants of SNAP receive much-needed food, and will ensure the facilities have the capacity to meet increased needs.
- \$453 million to assist tribes through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
- \$69 million to help tribal schools, colleges and universities through for the Bureau of Indian Education.
- \$300 million more to the HUD Indian Housing Block Grant program.

For updates: Visit merkley.senate.gov/coronavirus for updates on these and other resources as the relief bills are implemented.